Arrears of unintended profits

*276. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether huge arrears of unintended profits in respect of various imported and other bulk drugs have accumulated against different drug manufacturers;

(b) if so, the details of such arrears of unintended profits against different drug companies; and

(c) what steps have been taken to recover the same during the past three years?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV): (a) to (c) The question of the quantum of liabilities is being examined by a Three Member Committee headed by a High Court Judge.

Drop out rate of SC|ST Students

*277. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of drop out during the year 1994 from elementary schools especially of children belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes; and

(b) what steps are being taken to reduce the drop out in future?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MADHAVARAO SCINDIA): (a) According to 1992-93 data, which is avilable, drop-out rate in classes I—VIII for Scheduled Castes (SCs) students is 66.23 per cent and for Scheduled Tribes (STs) students 77 per cent.

(b) A number of measures have been taken to reduce drop-outs. These include increasing parental awareness, improvement of school facilities and measures specifically targetted towards SC|STs, such as Ashram Schools and education complexes in low literacy pockets. The drop out rates have been generally decreasing over years.

गुजरात द्वारा व्यावसायिक प्रशिक्षण हेतु प्रस्ताव

*278. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी :** क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या वर्ष 1993–94 और 1994–95 के दौरान गुजरात के विभिन संगठनों से वयस्क महिलाओं के लिए सघन पाठ्यक्रमों और व्यावसायिक प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम से संबंधित योजनाओं के लिए वित्तीय सहायता का कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुआ है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबधी ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) इस प्रयोजनार्थ कितनी धनराशि मंजूर की गई है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (श्री माधवराव सिंधिया) : (क) जी, हां ।

इस समय तीन योजनाएं हैं अर्थात् उत्तर साक्षरता अभियान, सघन पाठ्यक्रम तथा प्रौढ महिलाओं के लिए व्यावसायिक प्रशिक्षण पाठ्यक्रम जिन्हें इस मंत्रालय ने मंजूरी प्रदान की है ।

वर्ष 1993-94 तथा 1994-95 के दौरान संस्वीकृत की गई योजना-वार परियोजनाओं की संख्या तथा उन्हें प्रदान की गई राशि निम्नलिखित है :

क्र० सं०	योजना का नाम	परियोजनाओं की संख्या	संस्वीकृत की गई राशि	
			93-94	94-95
				(लाख रु० में)
1.	उत्तर साक्षरता अभियान . . .	12	197.55	337.31
2.	सघन पाठ्यक्रम . . .	11	8.65	1.25
3.	प्रौढ़ महिलाओं के लिए व्यावसायिक प्रशिक्षण पाठ्यक्रम	87	15.05	13.76

Proposed steel plant in Salem District of Tamil Nadu

*219. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to examine the possibility of setting up an integrated steelplant based on the iron ore in Salem district of Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether Government are aware of the new technologies that had emerged to beneficiate the iron ore of Salem to 5 per cent iron content; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken to use these new technologies in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Under the new Industrial Policy announced in July, 1991, "Iron and Steel" Industry has been removed from the list of industries reserved for the Public sector & also exempted from the provisions of compulsory licensing except in certain restricted locations. No Industrial Licence is therefore, required to set up a steel plant.

The Central Government at present do not have any proposal to set up a green field integrated steel plant based on the iron ore of Salem District, Tamil Nadu. However, the State Govt. of Tamil Nadu proposes to set up an integrated steel plant based on these iron ore and locally available lignite coal.

(b) The Iron Ore deposits of Salem District are of low grade magnetite quartzite type with an average iron content of 35 per cent. The Government is aware of technologies available for beneficiation of such low grade magnetite ores.

(c) Mining of Iron Ore, which was earlier reserved for the Public sector has now been thrown upon to the Private sector. In addition restrictions on foreign investment in mining sector has also been lifted. These together with delicensing and dereservation of iron & steel industry are expected to facilitate the exploitation of the low grade iron ore mining in the country.